CLATSOP COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

History Matters

September/October 2024

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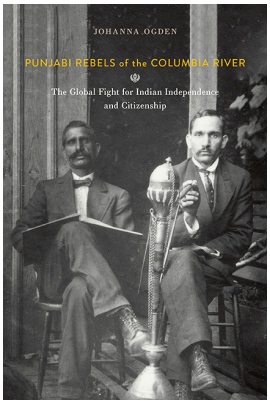
Curator's Corner

by Dr. Chelsea K. Vaughn, Curator

What a busy summer for the Historical Society! In June, we celebrated Goonies Day by showing the film on the Flavel House grounds. The Flavel House Garden Society has continued their amazing work by bringing the best out of the yard and expanding their efforts with workshops for the public. Guests learned about bonsai in July and rhododendron care in August. Throughout the summer, both the Flavel and Carriage House received facelifts, with local painters Simo Ranta redoing the Carriage House and Scott Still tackling the south side of the Flavel House.

Set piece from *Pinocchio*

It has been a fun summer at the Heritage Museum during which we have shared our collection in meaningful ways. We opened a new exhibit in June that featured a set piece from the Academy Award-winning film *Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio*. Produced by ShadowMachine, the film was Mark Gustafson's final directorial feature. Then in July, Ann and Tony Syrett, longtime friends of CCHS, brought their grandchildren to view their family's past donations, including the wedding dress worn by both Ann's great grandmother Lilla Holway Sanborn in 1881 and Ann's mother Jean Sanborn Scholfield in 1947.



Johanna Ogden's new book Punjabi Rebels of the Columbia River

TNT

Join historian Johanna Ogden in October as she presents material from her new book *Punjabi Rebels of the Columbia River*, chronicling the important and often unknown history of Southeast Asians along the Columbia Corridor, for our regular lecture series, TNT (Thursday Night Talks).

October 17. Doors open at 6. Talk begins at 7.

Victorian Hallowe'en

All Hallows Eve returns to the Flavel House this October with a Victorian Halloween scavenger hunt. Summon your personal ghost hunter to help you discover thirteen otherworldly items hidden throughout the house. But beware of help from the Great Beyond!

Talking Tombstones

The historic Greenwood Cemetery provides this year's resting place for CCHS's annual Talking Tombstones. Experience the hereafter as costumed reenactors reveal the lives lived between the dates on the headstones.

Sunday October 27, 1-4pm.

Musings

Over the past few months, the Clatsop County Historical Society and the Friends of the Astoria Column have explored an exciting new partnership, looking for ways to work together, share resources, and find economies of scale.

This growing relationship has proved to be a natural fit. We are similar-sized organizations in terms of budget and staffing; we both have an educational mission; we both welcome, educate, and entertain thousands of visitors every year; we both care for historic structures revered by the public.

Since March, I have been the Executive Director of both CCHS and the Friends of the Astoria Column. There have been a number of joint-Board meetings to discuss what this partnership looks like and how we can support and complement each other. A small start has been the increase in public programming at the Column. On Fridays, we are offering a "glider" decorating station where visitors can decorate their glider with eco-friendly materials. Then, on Saturdays, kids can compete in a special "Glider Games," trying to land their glider from the top of the column to a target below, all with the promise of fabulous prizes. We are also now including a coupon for our CCHS museums with the purchase of a parking pass. In the first month of handing out this coupon, more than 300 have been turned in! What a win-win!

It has been really exciting getting to know the staff and Board of the Friends of the Astoria Column. Like the Board, volunteers, and staff of the Clatsop County Historical Society, they are passionate about sharing our local history.

Both organizations have terrific plans for the future. We have been raising funds and making plans for an expansion of the Oregon Film Museum. The Column turns 100 in 2026, and the Friends want to create an interpretive center to better educate visitors about the story of the Column and the history of the site.

The next few years are going to be a whole lot of fun! I am honored to be a part of both organizations and invite you to stop by any of our great sites: the Flavel House, Heritage Museum, Uppertown Firefighter's Museum, Oregon Film Museum, or the Astoria Column.

-McAndrew Burns,
Executive Director

Musical Stairs in the Astoria Column

The Friends of the Column are presenting a free, fifty-minute concert with musicians performing from inside the Astoria Column! Bring your blanket, grab one of the 150 available chairs, or catch the live radio broadcast. However you hear the performance, the accompanying light show makes it one not to be missed!

Due to limited parking, a free shuttle bus service will be provided, leaving every half hour from the Middle School and Clatsop Community College parking lots.

Saturday September 28, 7:30pm.

Digital Archive News

by Julie Burpee, Digital Archivist

Image courtesy of the National Archives

Become A "Citizen Archivist" for CCHS!

The title Citizen Archivist was invented by David Ferriero, the tenth Archivist of the United States, to describe how the National Archives can engage the public to contribute to the organization of records. How can YOU be a Citizen Archivist through CCHS?

When looking at the items on the Internet Archive, please use the comment/reply button to let us know:

- Your personal stories and the history of the item
- Names of unidentified people, places, etc., & the matching page number
- Connections to other items in the collection

Also, if you see a record in our collection that is written in cursive that does not already have a typed transcription, you can type it up at home and email it to us at research@astoriamuseums.org .

And if you have an item in your personal collection that you think other researchers would benefit from seeing, you can bring it to the Heritage Museum to have it digitized and uploaded to our shared Internet Archive account. The item will be returned to you. Call 503-338-4849 for more information.

Telling others about CCHS, our mission of sharing history, and the importance of community archives is a valuable way to increase awareness.

Check out our Digital Collections. Use the QR Code or the web address below:

https://archive.org/details/clatsopcountyhistoricalsociety

Thank YOU for your support and excitement for our community archive!

Astoria Public Library Newspaper Microfilm Collection

While the Astoria Public Library undergoes renovations, its newspaper microfilm collection and reader will still be available to researchers through the Liisa Penner Research Center and Archives. Reserve your research time by calling 503-338-4849.

In anticipation of this move, CCHS has digitized the library's extensive newspaper index and made it available online. Thank you to our Digital Archivist Julie Burpee and volunteers Adam De Prez, Gabe Battis, and Jaime Lump for the hours of work that made this happen!

Memorials

Ann Everton
Allison Cellars

Ruth Hope
Molly Elder
Sally Grant
ShawnAnn Hope
Paul Kuebrich
Wilma Mayer
Lynda Zell & Family
Marietta Zell

Mary Lovell
McAndrew Burns
Allison Cellars
Eric Paulson

Kathryn Larson
Allison Cellars

Elizabeth (Beth) Martin
McAndrew Burns

Patrick O'Brien
Anonymous
Pieper Family
Tom and Annie Smith

Marguerite Owen
Allison Cellars

Robert Westerberg
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Allison Cellars
Rosemary and Curt Johnson

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Upcoming Events

September 28: *Musical Stairs,* Astoria Column Grounds, 1 Coxcomb Drive, 7:30. Free shuttle buses from the Middle School and Clatsop Community College parking lots, every half hour, 5:30-9:30.

October 1-31: Halloween at the Flavel House, open daily, 10am-4pm, regular admission applies. Buy tickets at the Carriage House, 714 Exchange Street.

October 17: *TNT* with Johanna Ogden, "Punjabi Rebels of the Columbia River," Fort George Brewery Lovell Taproom, 1483 Duane Street, doors open at 6.

October 27: *Talking Tombstones*, Greenwood Cemetery, 91569 OR-202, Astoria, 1-4.

Ongoing Events

Sundays, 8:30-9pm: Mac Burns and Alana Kujala host *An Adventure in History* on KMUN.

Wednesdays at 1pm: Flavel House Garden Society Volunteers meet at the Flavel House Grounds.

Now through February 2025: Double Vision exhibit at the Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street.

Postcard, circa 1965

The Flavel house has undergone a number of changes over the years, including serving as the CCHS Historical Museum from the early 1950s through the mid 1980s. Once CCHS acquired Astoria's former City Hall to use as a history museum—now our Heritage Museum, 1618 Exchange Street—we were able to fully convert the Flavel House to a historic house museum, restoring the interior and returning the exterior to its original paint colors. This work continues today with ongoing restoration and preservation projects.